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Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/076,346
Our Ref: NGB.084

Dear Examiner Gutman:

Enclosed is the Amendment, responsive to the August 26, 2003 Office Action, which should place the above-identified application into the condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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Enclosure

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